## The Regional Perspective



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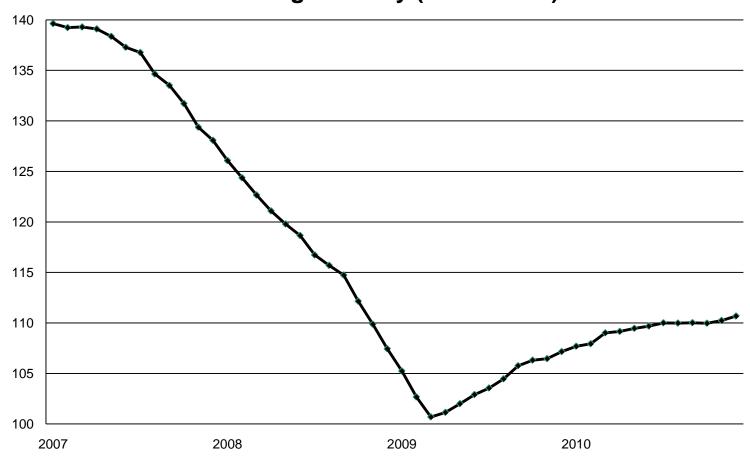
# USD Index of Leading Economic Indicators for San Diego County

- Designed to lead local economy
- Components:
  - Residential units authorized by building permits
  - Local stock prices
  - Initial claims for unemployment insurance
  - Online help wanted advertising
  - Local consumer confidence
  - National Index of Leading Economic Indicators
- Short-term forecasting tool 6-12 month outlook





#### Index of Leading Economic Indicators San Diego County (2007 - 2010)



Source: Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate, University of San Diego





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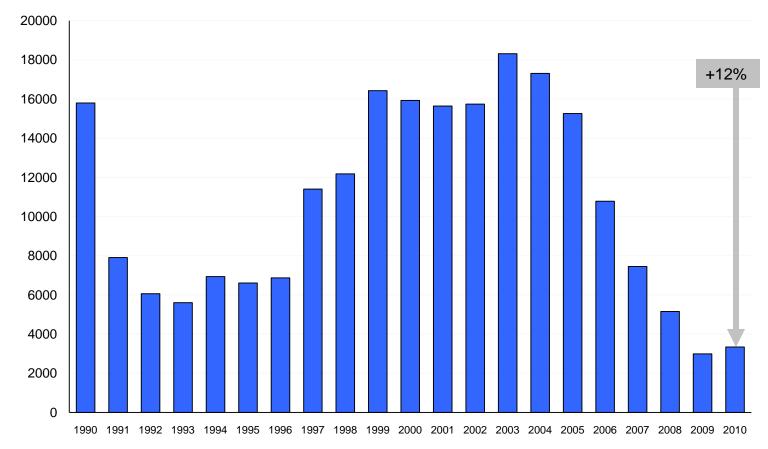


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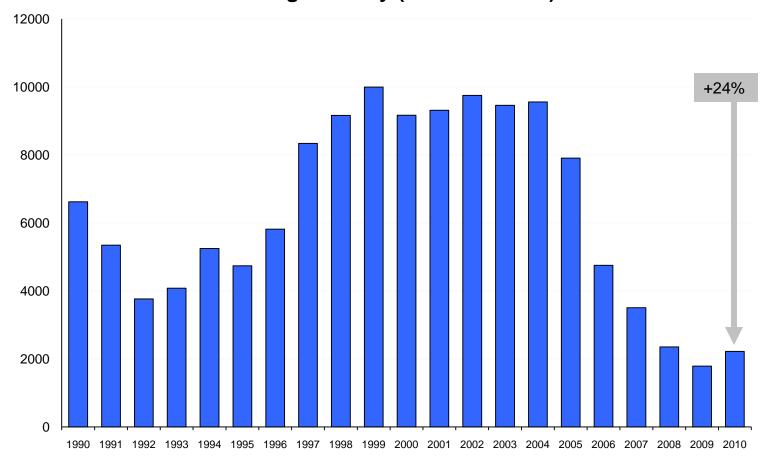


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#### Single-Family Units Authorized San Diego County (1990 - Present)

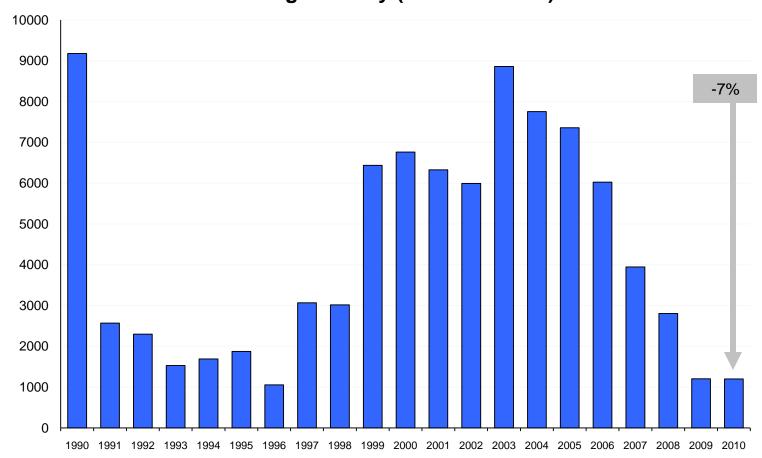


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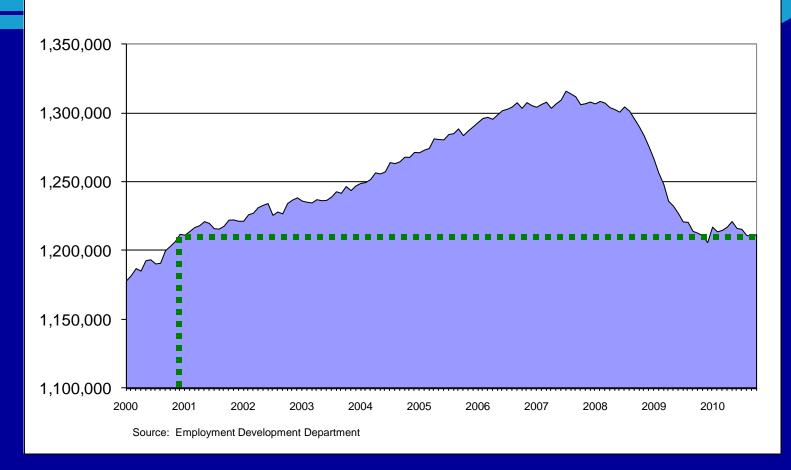


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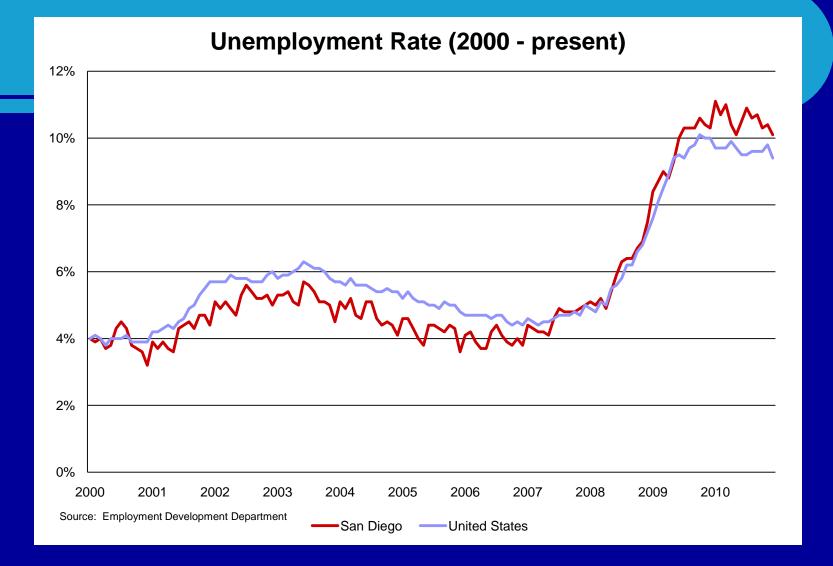


#### Seasonally Adjusted Total Employment San Diego County (2000 - Present)





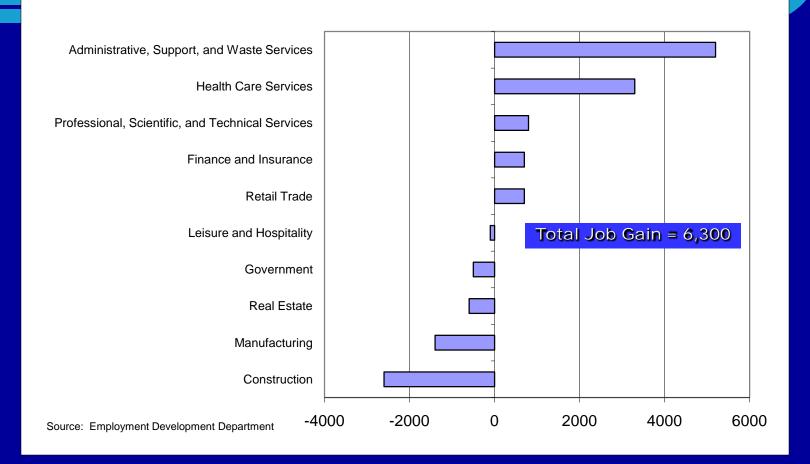








### Employment Changes, San Diego County December 2010 vs. December 2009





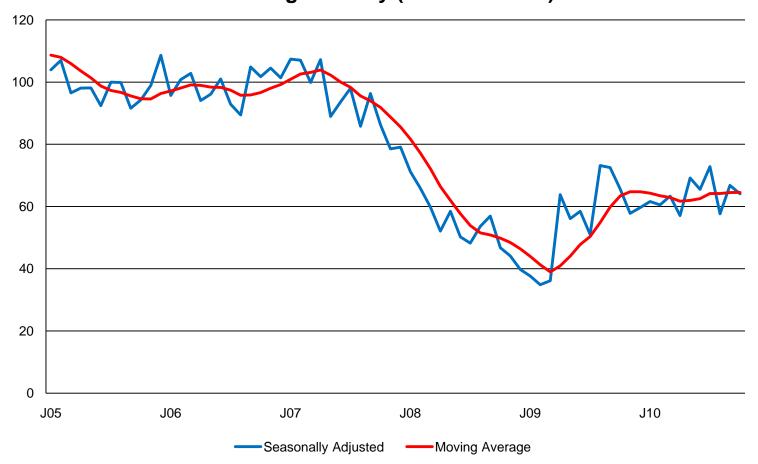


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# **Consumer Confidence**San Diego County (2005 - Present)







High Unemployment

Investment and Hiring Down

Low Consumer Confidence

Low Consumer Spending



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#### Outlook for 2011

- Positive but weak growth expected in year ahead
  - Job growth of 10,000 15,000 expected for 2011
  - Unemployment rate to fall into the 9 percent range
  - Job growth in health care, administrative and support services, leisure and hospitality, and construction





#### Outlook for 2011

- Some strength in housing market
  - Mid-single digit price gain expected in 2011
    - Median price expected to rise from \$333,000 to \$350,000
  - Building permits to rebound to 5,000
  - Interest rates to rise but will still be low by historic standards





#### **Potential Problems**

- Federal, state and local budget deficits
- Foreclosures to remain at high levels
- Sharp rise in gas prices
- Continued high unemployment
  - Large number of long-term unemployed
  - Loss of middle class jobs



